



Grace  
Lutheran

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, 2015

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**5:00 pm** – Saturday in the **Sanctuary**

**7:45 am** – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

**9:00 am** – Sunday in **Grace Hall**

**11:15 am** – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

**10:15 Education Hour**

*\*\* Nursery is available for children under 3 during the Education Hour in Room 100.*

## WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

## Welcome Pastor Daniel Rift

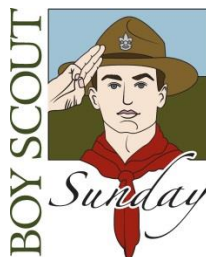
This Sunday, we welcome Pastor Daniel Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger, Malaria and Disaster Appeals. Everyone is invited to join Pastor Rift during the 10:15 Education Hour for conversation about these important ministries. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.



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## Scout Sunday

On Sunday, February 8 at the 9:00 Worship Service, we will celebrate the 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Boy Scouts in America and the 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Troop 393. In honor of these milestones, we are inviting all current and former scouts, leaders and parents to attend the service and be recognized on February 8.



## Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet Donations

Social Ministry Committee will be collecting items in February for Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet. The following items are being accepted: Disposable Diapers – Large Size, Ajax Powder, Pine Sol, Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue, Feminine Supplies, Soap, Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Shampoo, and First Aid Products



These items may be dropped off in the Upper or Lower Gathering Space in the designated boxes.

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## Earthbound Bible Study



This special course will begin next Sunday, February 8 during the Education Hour. It will held in the Library.

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## Lenten YouTube Videos

We still need a few more people for our special Lenten project. Our goal is to produce a YouTube Video for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day. That's 43 in all, so we need your help!!!! If you are willing to put together a 90 second video reflection on a Scripture passage (parables of Jesus), please sign the RCR card or email Pastor Martha at [mclementson@gracelc.org](mailto:mclementson@gracelc.org). Those who indicate interest will be given more instructions on how to do it....if you need help with the video itself, we can help you! The pastors also can help you with your Scripture passage. This is a big project. If you are willing to take a risk, or you are already comfortable with technology, please give it try!!!!



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## Ash Wednesday Soup Meal

The tradition continues on Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by for soup on Ash Wednesday  
From 11:30 – 1:30 PM and 4:30 – 6:30 PM  
(last seating will be 6:30; Carry out available)



The Menu includes: Soup, Bread and Crackers, Drinks

Suggested Donation: Adults – \$6; Children 5-12 – \$3

Children under 5 – free

Advanced tickets are not needed

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## To help make the Ash Wednesday Soup Meal a success, we need the following:

Homemade Bread, Ground Regular Coffee

Lemonade Mix, Iced Tea Mix

Crackers, Margarine, Parmesan Cheese

Bring these items to the kitchen labeled "Ash Wednesday Meal"

Your help will be greatly appreciated!!



We are also looking for volunteers to help with the meal. Since the meal will be served in two different shifts, we will need volunteers to help from 11:30-1:30 PM or from 4:30-6:30 PM.

Please indicate on the RCR card if you can help.

## **Kids Night Out Date Night!**



It's that time of year again! Looking for a few hours away from your kids but want to know they are safe and having fun? Drop your children (5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger) off at Grace and we'll take care of them while you go out and enjoy some dinner, shopping, or peace and quiet in the house! Kids Night Out Date Night will be **6:00-8:30pm Saturday February 7** at Grace Lutheran Church! We will have pizza for dinner then head downstairs to Legacy to watch a movie! Children are welcome to come in their pajamas so they are nice and comfy and ready for bed when you pick them up! Registration is not required but please sign up on the RCR card if you know in advance you will be bringing your children so we can get an idea of how much pizza to order!

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## **T.E.C.T. is going TUBING @ Ski Liberty!**

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Tubing on February 21! We will meet in the Carroll Street Parking Lot at 12:30 and plan to be home by 5pm! We will tube for 2 hours so you will want to be sure to dress warm! We will NOT be stopping for a meal but students are welcome to bring money for the snack bar. The cost is \$25 per person and can be given to Leanne on the day of the event! **ALL Students will need to have a signed waiver filled out and bring it with them**—you can download the form on the church website ([www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org)) under the downloadable resources "Tubing Waiver". **Please sign up on the RCR card or email Leanne at [lelliott@gracelc.org](mailto:lelliott@gracelc.org) by February 15!** Friends are welcome!



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## **Altar Guild Volunteers Needed**



The Altar Guild is in need of a few volunteers to help prepare the altars in the Sanctuary and Grace Hall. If you would like to learn how to take care of the altars and prepare them for worship then please consider becoming an Altar Guild volunteer. Preparations can be made following the last worship service or later in the week as your schedule permits. Volunteers are scheduled in pairs on a monthly basis and it usually takes about 10-20 minutes per week to

complete the tasks. Training and guidance will be provided. Please see the RCR card for open months in both the Sanctuary and Grace Hall. Thank you!



**Adult Forum – Sunday, February 15 at 10:15 in Grace Hall**  
**“Responding to Sexual Violence Near and Far”**

The second in a series of three Adult Forums will be held on February 15 during the Education Hour. The focus will be “Responding to Sexual Violence Near and Far.” Emily Esworthy, a staff member at IMA World Health based out of New Windsor and Brandy Day, the therapist at The Rape Crisis Center in Westminster will share information and insights from their work. Pastor Martha will introduce the ELCA Social Message on Gender-based Violence. This will be an opportunity to learn more about serious situations that exist all around us and to consider how our Christian faith helps us to respond in meaningful ways.

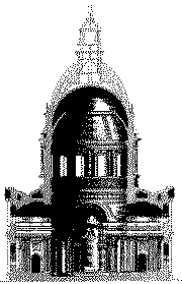
The third forum will take place on Sunday, April 19 focusing on “Christian Stewardship of the Environment” and the Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, a faculty member at Gettysburg Seminary, will be our guest presenter.

All Adults are invited to join in these forums. The Confirmation Classes and High school class also may attend these forums.

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**Join us for a trip to Cathedral Crossroads on Tuesday, February 24**

Cathedral Crossroads, an evening of contemplative practice, is free and open to the public on the last Tuesday of each month at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.



Participants come to walk the labyrinth, attend the Centering Prayer gathering, receive laying on of hands for healing or simply sit in the twilight quiet of the nave listening to the strains of harp and Native American flute music that accompanies the labyrinth walks. You may bring your own reading materials or journal or you may wander through the cathedral finding a quiet space of your own. The evening ends with a simple service of Compline in the Great Choir.

In order to take full advantage of the bookstore and the evening, we will leave the Carroll Street Parking Lot at 2:00 pm. We will car pool to the Cathedral. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy between visiting the bookstore and the start of the evening program. We will return to Grace by about 11:00. You will be filled with Spirit and energy!!!

If you have questions about the trip to the Cathedral, please talk with Pastor Martha.

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**Register for Summer Camp**

Mar-Lu-Ridge is now accepting applications for summer camp. There are many exciting opportunities at Mar-Lu-Ridge for children ages 6-17 as well as adults and families. Brochures are available in the Upper Gathering Space. You can also check out all of the summer offerings on Mar-Lu-Ridge's website. Financial assistance is available here at Grace, so if you need assistance contact Pastor Martha. A week at church camp can be one of the greatest influences in a person's life. It is money well spent!!



## DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Preacher:** Pastor Martha Clementson  
**February Altar Guild:** Cyndy Beckhardt

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease, **(7:45)** Rich Schuster, **(9:00)** Craig Giles, **(11:15)** Cosette Schneider

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Jo Murphy, Murph Murphy, Pete Tabatsko, Susan Roach, Erin Sherlock

**Ushers: (9:00)** Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Adam Fairchild, Ron Fairchild

**Acolyte: (11:15)** Taylor Glass Button

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (February 7-8, 2015):**

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Kay Betz, **(7:45)** Kathy Bare, **(9:00)** Kathy Rehak, **(11:15)** Charlie Beckhardt

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Michelle Harrod, Kathleen Casper, David Cox

**Ushers: (9:00)** Tyler Snyder, Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges

**Acolyte: (11:15)** Amelia Dowling

### **DAILY READINGS**

Sun (1) Mark 1:21-28

Mon (2) Luke 2:22-40

Tues (3) Psalm 35:1-10

Weds (4) Jeremiah 29:1-14

Thurs (5) Isaiah 40:21-31

Fri (6) Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Sat (7) 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Sun (8) Mark 1:29-39



**January 24-30, 2015 Attendance** – **(5:00)** 25 **(7:45)** 21 **(9:00)** 212 **(11:15)** 84  
**(Bible Conversations)** 17 **(RoadTrip)** 9 **(TOTAL)** 368



### ***Please remember in your prayers...***

*Names will remain on the Continuing Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. Names will then be removed unless another request is made. Please contact Dawn Stem in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email [dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:dstem@gracelc.org).*



**Those who are serving our country:** Marshall Brown, Captain Ryan Chaney, PFC Tyler Czarnowsky, Steve Haines, Nathan Karlson, Jeff Kelly, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., Paul Roberts, Ben Weber, Joel Whitson, and for all those unnamed individuals serving in our military, especially in war-zone areas

**Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers:** Sarah Barnes, Mike Button, Elinor Causey, Trudy Hirt, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

**Continuing Prayers:** Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Thelma Adams, Heather Barnes, Barbara Bellgnau & Family, Mike Bellgnau, Vicki Boehme, Brian Bowersox, , The Crews Family, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Peggy Fogle, Bernadette Gray, Kevin Holmes, Amanda Kilmer, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Ruthann Mcafee, Glenn Mimmick, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Fred and Joan Rogge, Wayne Spencer, The Steinhaus Family, Karen Stoner, Jessica Young

**Seminarians:** Beth Clementson and Don Myers

**Global Ministry Partners:** Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia, and The Lutheran Church, Paide, Estonia.

**Also please pray for our pastors, the members of the Church Council, the staff and all of God's children at Grace Lutheran Church.**

**NOTE:** *If you or someone you know is going into the hospital please call the church office as soon as possible.*



## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### Sunday, February 1

- 7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
- 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
- 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
- 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
- 10:15 am Conversation with Pastor Rift (FH)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### Monday, February 2

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
- 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir (MR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### Tuesday, February 3

- 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 5:00 pm Children's Chorus (various)
- 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
- 7:00 pm Social Ministry Meeting (107)
- 7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Mtg (112)

### Wednesday, February 4

- 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
- 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm T.E.C.T. Youth Group (Legacy)
- 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

### Thursday, February 5

- 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
- 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
- 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
- 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)

### Friday, February 6

- 6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
- 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

**(CLV)** Carroll Lutheran Village **(FH)** Fellowship Hall **(T)** Theater **(S)** Sanctuary **(GH)** Grace Hall **(UGS)** Upper Gathering Space **(LGS)** Lower Gathering Space **(MR)** Music Room **(L)** Library

### Saturday, February 7

- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
- 6:00 pm Kid's Night Out – Date Night (FH)

### Sunday, February 8

- 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
- 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
- 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
- 10:15 am Earthbound Bible Study Begins (L)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)



**In the event of inclement weather,** please check our website ([www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org)) or contact one of the pastors by cell phone (Pastor Kevin 410-259-1586 or Pastor Martha 410-259-9054).

